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Police and Owner Fail to Prevent Protest Meeting

1500 MOVE IN BODY FROM ONE HALL TO ANOTHER POLICE BAFFLED

Tar Victim Speaks

FASCIST ANTI-SEMITIC PA-PERS SPRING UP IN HEALDSBURG

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—A crowd estimated at 1500 persons found the door locked and a mobilization of police at Eagle's Hall on Golden Gate Ave. at 8 p.m. last night, the time announced for a mass protest meeting against the Santa Rosa vigilante terror. Solomon Nitberg and Jack Green, the two workers kidnapped and tarred and feathered last Wednesday night, were advertised as main speakers. Prominent ministers and fraternal members were also listed on the program.

The American League Against War and Fascism earlier in the day had secured the hall by the payment of a ten dollar deposit. The meeting was called as an emergency with very little time for preparation. Word of mouth publicity was the main medium that secured the mass turn out.

* Two Arrested.

The night before and that afternoon, two workers were arrested for distributing leaflets advertising the meeting.

The crowd filled the street in front of the building and police maneuvered around the fringes as if waiting for a signal. A murmur of protest was sweeping through the throng.

The San Francisco Examiner had already printed its story that police dispersed the crowd.

* Immediate Collection.

A member of the arrangements committee mounted the steps of the entrance, urged the workers to remain orderly, and explained that the management of the hall claimed they must have full rental before opening doors. A collection was taken on the sidewalk and more than the necessary \$20 obtained. Volunteers were called for and a committee sent to the management with the money.

Perfect discipline was maintained in the face of a tense situation. Every worker in the crowd knew that the police were there to break them up. Still not a person deserted the scene. They (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

20 L. A. YOUTH GROUPS JOIN IN ANTI-WAR MOVE

"DEFEND ETHIOPIA" IS SLOGAN OF SEPT 7 DEMONSTRATION

By Lee Bradley

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28.—"March for PEACE—Defend Ethiopia" is the slogan of young workers and students who plan a mass meeting and parade on International Youth Day here, September 7. Arrangements for activities are being made by the Peace Committee for IYD, made up of delegates from about twenty Los Angeles organizations.

September 7th, a day observed by the youth to protest against imperialist war, has been chosen by the Peace Committee for this year as a day for Los Angeles Youth to protest against its immediate danger in the Italian invasion of Ethiopia.

The Peace Committee has united the following organizations: Young Friends of Ethiopia, Young Men's Advancement League, League of Struggle for Negro Rights, Young Communist League, World Alliance, League Against War and Fascism, Friends of the Soviet Union, the Communist Party, Christ Temple, three Peace Missions of Father Divine, the Church of God, Pioneer Gateway Progressive Association, Alta Quailad Club, Altruist Society, and Aid Association.

Although the Peace Committee has asked the civic authorities for (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

NAZI TERROR CONDEMNED BY L. A. MEETING

2000 CHEER ANTI-NAZI SPEAKERS AT UNITED FRONT RALLY

Terrorism Protested

FASCIST SYMPTOMS IN AMERICA POINTED OUT AS DANGER

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29.—Uniting to combat Nazi terror, 2000 persons packed the Philharmonic Auditorium last night, calling on Roosevelt to censure Germany and possibly to break off diplomatic relations. An economic boycott of Nazi products was endorsed, and a united front of all anti-Nazi organizations urged through the Anti-Nazi League.

* Fight Together.

"When we're in battle," said Silver of the American Principles League, "I don't care if the man at my shoulder is a Communist. We'll fight together."

Reverend Clinton Taft, of the American Civil Liberties Union, referred to the fascist symptoms appearing in our own country, saying: "We must first cleanse our own house of fascist terror."

Dr. Jacob Sonderling, former Hauhburg chief rabbi, said, "I am sick of protest. We must fight."

* Work To Continue.

Katz, Co-editor of the Morning Freiheit, said, "We must boycott all fascist symptoms in America." Katz spoke for the Communist Party and received a great ovation.

Manchester Boddy, Daily News and Post Record Publisher, said, "We must fight fascist terror as true Americans, and develop tolerance."

The work begun at this meeting will be continued by the Anti-Nazi Committee of Southern California. This is a united front of Nazi brutalities in Germany and fascist symptoms in the United States. Its headquarters are at 420 North Soto Street.

WORKERSCHOOL PLANS OPENING FETE SEPT. 2ND

MRS. KINKEAD TO SPEAK ON EDUCATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—The Opening Celebration of the San Francisco Workers School at 121 Height st., which is set for the evening of Labor Day, September 2, will be an opportunity for workers in San Francisco to hear a prominent educator recently returned from the Soviet Union speak on "Education in Two Worlds." Mrs. Beatrice Kinkead, the speaker, has spent a great deal of time in the Soviet Union and can report with the understanding of both Soviet and American Educational institutions.

Besides this there will be entertainment, refreshments and dancing. The program for the Fall term of the San Francisco Workers School will be explained and opportunity will be given to register for courses. As a door prize, a choice of three popular working-class books will be given: "Redder than the Rose," "Fatherland" and "I Change Worlds."

Courses on schedule for the Fall Term of the Workers School are: Marxist Economy, Leninism, Trade Unionism, Labor Journalism, Principle of Communism, History of the American Working Class, Organization, Publicity for Workers, and Public Speaking. All workers are urged to register for the fall term immediately.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—With Mussolini's cabinet voting full military preparations for a possible three year campaign, and with France reported to be opposed to the "sanctions" wanted by Great Britain, the outcome of the imperialist antagonism between Great Britain and Italy remains temporarily in abeyance until the meeting of the League Council on Sept. 4. Matters even then may be put even further ahead as the League Assembly meeting is due Sept. 9.

In the meanwhile, news from many cities throughout the United States, including Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, and New York, indicates the mounting indignation of white and Negro workers against the Italian imperialist plunderers is leading to wider united front activity. And from Great Britain, where more than eleven millions voted against foreign war aden-

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LATE VOTE RETURNS SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—Complete returns from the Maritime Federation ballot against handling hot cargo were not available at a late hour this morning.

Results of the coast-wise longshore ballot were announced as 5243 against handling scab cargo and 4748 in favor; 8468 voted to renew the agreement and 1329 voted against.

See Page 3 for summary of the Seamen's Award.

Labor Party and Election Meets

SAN FRANCISCO LABOR TICKET MEET SAT.

EAST BAY WILL HOLD LABOR PARTY CON.

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 30.—The United Labor Conference for the Municipal Election will hold its second conference in the Building Trades Temple at Fourteenth and Guerrero streets, at 2 p.m., on Aug. 31.

This is the most important conference to be held. The job of adopting a platform, a tentative outline of which was drawn up at the first conference, and of choosing a slate of candidates, will be taken up. In addition, many organizations, which were not contacted in time to participate in the first conference, will be present. At the previous conference on July 16, delegates representing 13 A. F. of L. trade unions attended.

Although the reactionary leadership is opposing the setting up of a united front Labor Party progress is being made in the local unions. A solid base has now been laid, and the Labor Party will increase its effectiveness through drawing in, one by one, the remaining unions.

The Building Trades Council lead by the baker, James Quinn, Oakland city councilman and president of the Building Trades, voted down a resolution calling for the sending of delegates to the Conference. The Central Labor Council will not be approached until after the first Conference.

A minimum of 30 organizations will participate in the Conference, approximately half of which will be trade unions. A Declaration of Principles will be adopted, calling for further work in the trade unions and stating the necessity for united action in the building of the Labor Party.

POLICE VICE PAYOFF LIFTS LID OFF WHOLE ROSSI MACHINE

Federal Revenue Collector Exacts Fee from Prostitutes and Crooked Cops

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The Federal Government is not concerned with how a man obtains his income. However illegally he gets it, he must pay income taxes."

With this as his announced slogan, John V. Lewis, collector of internal revenue, set to work on San Francisco.

Observing that the most thriving and prevalent business were houses of prostitution and other vice industries, the conscientious collector easily obtained a partial list of addresses and proceeded to some collecting.

The girls, alarmed at entertaining the Federal government, jumped to the conclusion that the cops were squealing on them. They set up a counter-offensive of squealing and tipped off the collector to the main police payoffs.

Methodical, diligent Mr. Lewis put them on his list and paid them visits. He was particularly overwhelmed by one police captain who piled up \$110,000 from such sources. Divide this sum by \$150, the prevailing prostitution fee, and you will readily understand Mr. Lewis' astonishment.

Thinking it made good conversation, Lewis entertained a Rotary Club luncheon in San Rafael with this story.

The whole municipal governmental set-up has been thrown into panic and confusion. So closely intertwined is the whole civic structure with graft and racketeering that the exposure of one is an exposure of all.

Chief of Police Quinn has emphatically declared that 99 percent of all policemen are honest. It was pointed out to our reporter by a longshoreman that this means that all of a policeman is honest excepting the palm of his hand.

SOVIET FIRM REPLY TO U. S. NOTE CITES LACK OF FACTS

Socialist and Labor Leaders Express Protest on Provocative Move

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—In spite of the flaring headlines and provocative editorial statements of the Hearst and general capitalist press, no evidence has been presented proving that the Soviet Government has in any way violated its agreement signed by Commissar for Foreign Affairs Litvinoff.

The State Department was also reported to be considerably embarrassed by Ambassador Troyanovskiy's pointed references to the anti-Soviet press, despite the apt quotation of the agreement to the effect that the United States will "adhere reciprocally to the engagements above expressed."

The story charged that the workers in the John Leigh Cafeteria on Fillmore St. work from 12 to 14 hours per day.

The Western Worker extends its apologies to the workers in the culinary unions of San Francisco for printing such a charge without first making an adequate investigation.

(See editorial comment on Page Six.)

3 CITIES PLAN FIGHT AGAINST W.P.A. SET-UP

WORKERS OF EAST BAY, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, MEET

Call for Unity

RESOLUTIONS CALL FOR CO-OPERATION OF A. F. L. AND JOBLESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—In a city-wide mass meeting here last night held under the auspices of the Public Works and Unemployed Union 500 workers, representing A. F. of L. unions and the unemployed, adopted a resolution calling for "an organized fight to secure jobs on public projects for all who cannot find other acceptable employment."

A committee of 13 was elected by the meeting to carry out the provision of this resolution. A major task of this committee will be to initiate and help form an all inclusive organization on every project, whether man or woman, skilled or unskilled, Negro or white, native or foreign-born, regardless of craft, age, race, political or religious beliefs.

Realizing that Roosevelt's shutdown of SERA and the beginning of the new low wage on W.P.A. is not only a threat to the living standards of the unemployed, but also menaces the structure of trade union wages, the committee is instructed to work for the affiliation of all project organizations to the American Federation of Labor.

Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—Convinced that the striking dock workers here can neither be sold out nor forced back until they win recognition of their union and other demands, Grote Stirling national minister of defense for Canada, last week declared that longshoremen have the right to collective bargaining."

In this connection and speaking as a private citizen, he urged the Shipping Federation and the strikers get together and negotiate for settlement of the long strike.

The West Coast vote against lifting the boycott on seab loader cargo from the British Columbia strike area has given the ship owners here quite a shock. While pretending that "business in the port will go on as usual," they have admitted publicly that the "no scab cargo vote" of the Maritime Federation and the Longshoremen will curtail seriously their business in key industries such as the Powell River Paper Company.

Striking longshoremen here received the news of the Federation solidarity with tremendous enthusiasm.

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Davis, Missing Seaman Found Safe In San Francisco

THREE MURDERED IN CAVEIN OF OAKLAND TUNNEL PROJECT

Workers State Six Companies Were Slave Drivers—Speedup Caused Deaths

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 29.—Murdered by the private profit greed of their employers, three P.W.A. workers were crushed between tons of earth in a cave-in on the Oakland Broadway tunnel project today. Their bodies are still deep in the earth and engineers report they may not be recovered for several days.

Interviews with workers on the project reveal that the tragedy can in no way be interpreted as an accident, but was the natural outcome of the merciless speedup and the greedy economy which ruled the project.

One worker reports:

"It is a wonder to me it didn't happen long ago. The only thing that was holding that roof up was luck. I was damn glad to get out of the hole."

"Hardly a day went by but what men went to the hospital with unnecessary injuries. I was one of them. I got bad cuts that developed an infection."

* Scab Wages.

"The job was being done on scab wages and no first rate, experienced men would go into it and if they did wouldn't stay long. They valued their necks more."

"Miners who should have been getting \$1.40 an hour were being paid 75 cents. Chucktenders who were entitled to 75 cents were paid 65 cents. On top of this they had to do miners' work."

"Shifters and walkers (gang bosses) were paid a dollar a foot for the progress they made and drove the men for all they were worth."

"On top of this the men had to furnish their own boots, slickers and hats."

"A week ago the job was declared to be so rotten and dangerous that most of the men were laid off. Enough of a crew was kept to try to strengthen the timbers."

* Danger Olfous.

"Nobody envied them because anyone could see if you monkied with those props the whole works was going to come down. Some of them quit and when they became gang hiring others to take their places, they cut wages again. A more starvation miserly pack of b----, you never saw before."

"Chucktenders were hired back at 60 cents instead of 65. Concrete workers were hired back at 60 cents instead of 78."

"The job is being handled by the Six Companies and no matter what end of their dealings

L.A. Maps Drive for Daily Worker Fund

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28.—All workers' organizations are urged to send delegates to the Daily Worker Conference, meeting every Monday at 8 p.m. at 230 South Spring street, which is driving to complete the \$1500 quota for this section.

Painters Local 1348 has already turned in \$625 in the drive to fill up the "war chest" of the Daily Worker. All trade unions and mass organizations are asked to participate in this campaign to sustain and develop the Daily Worker as a genuine working class paper.

Fight for Unity of employed and unemployed organizations.

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you pick up, it is dirty.

"They sent me to Dr. Melvin Shade in Oakland, who tried to work the racket of keeping me off work for a couple of days, then sending me back a day, then jerking me off, etc., in order to evade any claim I might have for compensation."

* Names of Victims.

The murdered men are:

RAY HOUCIN, 40, of 2035 Channing Way, Berkeley.

HOWARD DAVIS, 24, of 488 Alcatraz ave., Oakland.

STEVE BELJON, 44, of 822 Franklin st, Oakland.

Three others were injured: Frank Braithwaite, Ora Mathews, and Irving Endicott.

Houchin, after leaping clear of the cave-in, was caught when he heroically returned to aid Davis, pinned under a fallen timber.

A rapid fire of charges and counter charges has broken out between the Six Companies and the Highway District board and authorities are already weaving a cocoon of red-tape alibis around the scandal.

There is only one effective answer: Public Works and Unemployed Unions and committees of the workers themselves to check up and demand decent working conditions and wages.

BARGE SCABS GET STUNG ON RUNNING SHIP

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all done picket duty at the various yards.

CRUISE OF THE SUTTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The widely published attempt of the barge owners to smash the Bargee's strike flopped here today when the Motor Ship Sutter, sailing from Sacramento and loaded with agricultural produce finally wound up at Pier 27 with most of her cargo still unloaded.

Manned by N. Fay, vice president and general manager of the River Lines, Floyd and Mendal Larkin, stockholders in Freighters Incorporated, Parker Woods, owner of the Dorothia, Captain King, River Lines' representative at Stockton and a couple of other barge company officials, the Sutter left Sacramento and arrived at Pier 27 early today.

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Pier 27 is a produce dock, open to everyone. The Sutter, with Captain Fay steering an unsteady course, pulled hopefully in at Pier 27. It was clear the barge owners were attempting to involve other companies and the commission merchants in the strike.

But the commission men who handle the produce, had protested to the chief wharfinger. They didn't want to be involved in a strike at this time. Neither did the shipping firms who were to receive some of the Sutter's cargo.

* I.L.A. Pickets.

Longshoremen already had established pickets at Pier 35. The dock superintendent refused to allow her to unload cargo so the Sutter moved to Pier 5 where the chief wharfinger halted unloading there.

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The first order of business was a resolution introduced by Rowan of the Street Carmen, which condemned the Santa Rosa vigilante outrage and demanded of Governor Merriam "that martial law be declared in Sonoma County until civil authority can be re-established." The resolution was passed unanimously.

* Strikers Picket Cargo.

The police didn't want to allow the bargeen pickets on the dock but Jameson, chairman of the strike committee protested. He told the officials if two strikers were not allowed to picket the cargo a picket line would be thrown up outside and the entire dock would be declared unfair.

The dock superintendent refused to sign receipts for the cargo and it was also stated the cargo would not be given clearance going out.

The steamer Yuba, it was announced, would leave Stockton soon with another cargo bound for San Francisco. W.P. Dwyer, president, did not state whether or not he would be on hand to unload the ship.

A motion was made to appoint

W.M. Spooner, secretary to the

Council and fakir-in-chief, got up

and hauled out the red scare.

He produced a "police manual" and declared that the Public Works and Unemployed Union was listed in it as a "Communist controlled organization." He hunted through it diligently, but failed to find the P.W.U.U. mentioned and offered the lame excuse that he must have left the communication in his office. He then read an anonymous letter which gave a full list of all the officers in the County Council of the P.W.U.U.

Many delegates criticized Spoo-

ner as a red-baiter, and reminded him that he had instructions not to read any letters before the

Council that did not bear an official seal.

They asked why he should read a police manual and an unsigned letter to slander the P.W.U.U.?

The whole matter was again referred to the Executive Committee.

Since the next two Mondays fall on holidays there can be no action on the P.W.U.U. investigation until Sept. 16.

* Selly Strikers' Report.

Two representatives from the

Selby smelter strikers gave a re-

port, 100 men picket 24 hours a

day in 8-hour shifts. The Coun-

cil voted \$25 to the strike fund.

UNITED FRONT FIGHT AGAINST WAR CONTINUES

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turing, comes news of wide mass anti-imperialist demonstrations, with threats of possible widespread general strike actions against war measures of all kinds.

* Second International Meets.

The stand of the Communist International is uncompromising organization of antirat measures, directed in each case by the workers and their allies against their own capitalist class. Now it is reported that the General Council of the International Federation of Trade Unions and the executive council of the Labor and Socialist International (Second International) will meet on Sept. 6 to consider "war crisis" plans.

Since the Communist (Third) International has repeatedly sought unity from agreement on all military questions of interest to the international working class, especially for unity of the trade unions and for militant joint action against war and fascism, it remains to be seen whether or not the present great emergency will make the Socialist and "right" trade union leaders take a bold step forward, or whether they will debate ineffectually and indecisively as their forerunners did in August 1914 in a similar emergency, whereupon the workers fighting organization was crippled and the war broke the unity achieved by generations of struggle.

* Eye Endangered.

In the second beating, several of Davis' ribs were broken and serious injury done to his left eye. Davis took the matter up with the International Labor Defense in Los Angeles and was preparing to prosecute responsible parties.

* Communist International's Stand.

The decision of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, recently adjourned, came therefore as the most timely guide to action in face of the mounting war danger. In the words of George Dimitroff, general secretary of the ECCI and Losovsky, head of the red international of trade unions: "Unity of all anti-war and anti-fascist groups, all trade union bodies and international working class organizations must and will be achieved."

* Third Slugging.

Instead of this, they took him to a vacant lot near the railroad, slugged him again and forced him to take a nearby freight train out of town.

Sick, dazed, in a serious state of collapse from his three beatings, Davis got off the freight at Colton and spent the night there. Next day he moved on to Banning. By now his eye was so bad that he feared permanent loss of sight. He sought medical aid in Banning and remained there a few weeks.

Meanwhile, he was all unknown of the state-wide search that had been instituted and the fear that he had either been murdered or kidnapped.

Recovered from his wounds, he came directly to San Francisco and reported.

Davis is preparing a full, signed

affidavit of his whole experience which will be published in the next issue of the Western Worker.

of the situation from the view

points of their organizations. Two ministers, the Rev. Throckmorton and the Rev. James Strayer of the Fellowship of Reconciliation voiced the protest of the clergy.

The petition undeniably originated with the company as an attempt to sabotage the election that was ordered held by the Regional Labor Board (five days before the NRA was declared unconstitutional) to determine whether the Utility Workers' Union has grown to a membership of 3,500, comprising seven locals, and will be an important factor in future labor struggles.

The company, which helped put Tom Mooney in prison, knows this and is using every method known to sabotage the union by intimidation of the workers. During the last two weeks thirteen union men have been fired without just cause. Some of them have lost service records with the company.

The union, on the other hand, is beginning to feel its power and has threatened action against the company unless the men are reinstated.

JUDGE DENIES INJUNCTION IN SELBY STRIKE

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strikes over to the County some time ago. And the County paid

for graveling, paving, and surfacing. Deputies now patrol them, and pink passes are issued by the Company to the residents. When asked where the Company got its authority, the deputy in charge said that 90 days after the road is paved by the County it reverts to the Company. The union wants to know whether the County pays the private roads of the corporations, or the public highways.

The ship "Borgestad" has left the Selby dock with half its cargo of lead and gold ore still in the hold. The longshoremen had unloaded part of the cargo, but refused to finish the job after the smelter workers walked out. Since the ore that remained was nearly all on one side, it left her with a bad list.

The strike, which began Monday, Aug. 19, for minimum wage of \$5 per day and improved working conditions, is under the leadership of Carquinez Local No. 51 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Socialist Leaders Block United Front

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 27.—

The State Committee of the Socialists Party refused to permit its Cincinnati local to enter into a

united front pact with the Com-

munist Party, in spite of the fact that the pact was ratified by the

membership.

Detroit Labor Body Protests Kramer Bill

DETROIT, Aug. 27.—The Detroit Federation of Labor passed a resolution protesting the Kramer antisedition bill, which would outlaw the Communist Party and other workers organizations, and

the labor press.

A raffle of \$1 per head on the

members' \$5 initiation fee. He has denounced their strike as "unauthorised". Ed.)

A delegate asked why these

workers in the Rosenberg Plant

had not asked the Council to help

them organize.

The answer was: "We came to

Spoo-ner to ask his aid and he

said it would be necessary to have

50 names before he could ask for

a charter. When we came back

with over 50 names he said we

would have to have 100, so we

got the 100 and came back. He

then said we would need 150—so

after that we decided to organize

our own union as best we could."

* Machinists Demand Apology.

The Machinists demanded Spoo-

ner's apology for his attack on

EAST OF THE Rockies

Socialist Jailed
Farm Workers Strike
Tiff Strike Won
Masons for Herndon

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Power Hapgood, a member of the Socialist Party national executive committee was arrested here when he visited the jail on charge that he had made derogatory remarks about military authorities. Terre Haute has been under martial law since National Guardsmen were brought here on July 22 to suppress the general strike. All liberty of speech is forbidden as was shown in the arrest of Hapgood.

CHARLESTOWN, Ill.—Farm laborers here have gone on strike for a wage scale of 45 cents in stead of the 30 cents they are now getting. A vigilante group of 300 landowners is patrolling the fields in an effort to keep the strike from spreading. The strike comes in the middle of the corn harvesting season.

POTOSI, Mo.—Washington county tiff miners voted to accept the offer of four principal operators in this district boosting wages \$1.50 a ton. The miners had originally demanded \$2, and the operators had offered \$1 shortly after the strike was declared.

The wage boost means the miners will average \$5 to \$8 a week instead of \$3 to \$5 as heretofore. Miners attribute their victory to prompt organization of a union and militant picketing in defiance of the usual injunction secured by the operators.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Pennsylvania Masonic Organization's Negroes voted unanimously to endorse the "Free Herndon Campaign" at its monthly meeting. It was decided to send 100 signatures to the leaders in the state, and to invite them to the "Save Herndon" Western Pennsylvania conference to be held on September 14.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—A strike of 500 workers at the Obernoster Glass Company plant resulted from failure of the management to meet demands for 10 per cent wage increases, lighter work for women and time and a half for overtime. At present women get 32 and a half cents an hour, the men, 42 and a half cents.

The 42s who struck first belong to the Glass Bottle Blower's Association, A. F. of L.

The other 75, who walked out, in sympathy belong to various A. F. of L. unions.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Two hundred and fifty cleaners and dyers have gone on strike against wage cuts in five plants of this district. One has already been forced to resume operations under terms of the union contract which had been violated. The employers had attempted to put through a 50 per cent reduction in piece rate work and to lengthen the work from 40 to 54 hours. The strikers are members of the A. F. of L. Cleaners and Dyers Union.

Ventura Rotary
Begins Military
Survey of Youth

VENTURA, Calif., Aug. 22.—The Rotary Club of this city, together with the American Legion, Elks, Lions, Soroptimists, and other organizations, have organized a "Big Brother Movement" and are making a survey of the unemployed movement of this area.

The are circulating a questionnaire among parents to check up on how many children they have, how many are not working, not attending school and are without proper supervision. It is supposed to be for the purpose of gathering data to help the Administration at Washington in solving the problem of security for the aged and re-employment for the youth.

In commenting on Roosevelt's military CCC camps the questionnaire states that "public sentiment is now demanding that new fields of endeavor be perfected for those (youth) who have not adapted themselves to camp life."

This "public sentiment" obviously emanates from an ambitious Chamber of Commerce, which clearly sees that, while the CCC is preparing thousands for the next war, there are many more thousands of youth not in the camps who can be recruited and prepared at home.

The questionnaire comments on the increase of insanity during these times of stress. But it does not say anything about jobs to relieve this same stress. Instead it says, "a hobby would be a good antidote for people experiencing mental disturbances."

Sonoma Communists Answer Vigilantes

TEACHER FIRED FOR SYMPATHY WITH STRIKERS

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DETROIT WOMEN
MEAT STRIKERS
WIDEN FIGHT

WANT NATIONAL STRIKE
FOR 20 PER CENT CUT

DETROIT, Aug. 29.—Picketing of meat stores here continued for the fifth week-end since the housewives of Detroit went on strike against the high price of meat.

At the same time a High Cost of Living Conference, with 18 unions represented, urged the spreading of the meat strike to other cities, and the establishment of Friday and Saturday as national meatless days. Another resolution called for Congressional investigation of the meat trusts.

Jewett is an admittedly excellent teacher; but he had been on a strike-picket line (after school hours) during the lumber strike. His course in "Social Studies" was deemed a little too dangerous by liberal students, who began leaving ideas. There was even a chapter of the new Russia in the textbook used. An outstanding textbook by Rugg of Columbia is used in hundreds of schools all over the country.

Salary Cut.

They first cut his salary 20%, saying he would resign. Then they transferred him from the Social Studies to Mathematics, a safer subject. Still he didn't resign. He was quizzed at length by the District Attorney; inflammatory articles against him appeared in the news; the vigilantes threatened to "take things into their own hands." Still the fellow remained untrifled.

So the Board charged him with professional conduct and fired him.

Protest Action.

When protests against this act of its illegality from the Eureka Federated Trades and Labor Council, the local unions, the Bay Cities Federation of Teachers, and other groups failed to receive attention from the Board, the Teachers' Union Defense Committee began to take a hand. A court mandate against the Board has been issued, and it is probable that Jewett will not only collect the overdue check remaining unpaid, but that he will be reinstated.

McEntire, Jewett has appeared before a number of labor meetings in the Bay region to tell his story, and at the suggestion of the secretary of the American Federation of Teachers, has gone to Cleveland to present his case before the Federation of National Convention. Every co-operation is promised by the Federation which believes that the fight must be fought to a finish.

**ROSENBERG WORKERS ARE
100 PER CENT SOLID**

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 29.—The second week of the strike at the Rosenberg dried fruit and packing plant and terminal finds the ranks of the strikers 100 per cent solid and the plant closed up tight. Strong picket lines are being maintained.

The bosses still refuse to meet with the committee, and the workers here again appeal to those laboring in the San Jose and Fresno plants of the company to support this strike by refusing to handle "hot stuff" that would ordinarily be packed in Oakland.

A benefit dance will be given at McFadden's Ball Room, 133 Broadway, Wedne. for September 4. The proceeds will benefit both the Rosenberg strikers and the locked-out men at the Santa Cruz Cannery.

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"We Will Stay" Reds Proclaim

Banks Holding Mortgages on Small Farms
Are in Back of the Santa Rosa
Fascist Vigilante Mobs

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Aug. 27.—Reuniting the brigandage claim of the Sonoma County vigilantes that the Communist Party has been driven out by their gangster violence, the Communist Party of the U. S. A., Sonoma Section, has issued and distributed a public statement, proclaiming its firm establishment. The statement reads:

"WE WILL STAY"

Statement of the Sonoma Section, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Vigilante gangsters at the head of a fanatical mob of half-drunk local and imported thugs are attempting, through beatings and terror, to force Sonoma County Communists and others to leave the County. They work with the open co-operation of the police and the sheriff's office. They parade their cars through town with their license plates covered, prevent legal union meetings, terrorize citizens in their homes, beat, tar and feather two workers—and the "majesty of the law" DOES NOT intervene.

Who is behind this bestial fascist terrorism and why do they wish to drive out the Communist Party? It is the bankers with their Chamber of Commerce and heads of the America Legion. They wish to break the Communist Party because they know it is the only force that constantly fights to improve the intolerable conditions of workers and farmers. In their fanatical fervor to seize anybody whom they even suspect of sympathy to the cause of the working class.

The bankers who hold mortgages on so many Sonoma County farms are terrified to think that they may have to pay a living wage to the workers who harvest the crops. They know that the Public Works and Unemployed Union, the militant union of the unemployed who are being forced into the fields, fights for decent living wages. Therefore, to these bankers, it is imperative to smash the Union and the Communist Party which hinder their wage cutting plans.

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Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

Relief clients found enclosed with their last weekly check a notification which reads in part as follows—"If you are offered a job, take it. If . . . the wages will not cover your family's budget, get talk it over with your visitor. Don't refuse the job."

Which is proof not only that wages in private industry in this area, are so low they are being supplemented in many cases by relief funds, but additional proof relief officials approve and encourage this condition, by instructing relief workers to accept these jobs at starvation wages.

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Foreman Smith on the Greek Theatre Project, Westwood Village, discharged worker Goldstone for organizational activity but to conceal this fact wished to write it down as "insubordination."

None of the boys being able to spell the word, the men were called on and a worker spelled the word for them.

The CALIFORNIA WELCOME (Welcome with money) grows more pronounced. Syphilitic movie stars, visiting members of the Chamber of Commerce, exiled Russian ex-cons, bankers, British Lords and Ladies, perverted millionaires, accompanied by their mistresses and other such vermin are welcomed and entertained by the "elite."

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While poor but honest workers find no welcome but are being harassed and deported from the state . . . In direct violation of the Constitution which reads, Art XIV-Sect. I . . . No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges . . . of citizens of the United States.

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News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

OAKLAND FAKE FACES CHARGES

Rank and File Gets After Quinn for Phone Stand

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND, Calif.—At the regular meeting of the Steam Fitters' Union on Aug. 22 the rank and file took things into their own hands and went right down the line.

First they voted to rescind their decision to march in the Labor Day parade. This was done because the Public Works and Unemployed Union was first asked by the Central Labor Council to march and then were told by the reactionary parade committee they could not. The Steam Fitters' Union voted to rescind the P.W.U.'s permit to hold an open air meeting to discuss the new W.P.A. setup.

His friends tried to bury the matter in the executive committee, but the rank and file voted that he must appear for the union body on the open floor.

They also backed the P.W.U. resolution demanding that the Water District permit the P.W.U. job delegates to organize on the job, providing they do not use company time to do it.

At the same meeting the reactionary business agent was ousted and a rank and file member elected.

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MIXING GASSES REQUIRES VERY SERIOUS STUDY

MAKE 'EM SICK, THEN KILL 'EM OFF

By a Reserve Officer.

MONTREY, Calif.—After blasting away some 1700 rounds of three inch shell and shrapnel (at about \$20 per round) members of the Field Artillery O.R.C. (Officers Reserve Corps) had a little practice experience in the use of "gases now in popular use."

Small puffs of tear and nausea gas were released from cylinders and reservists trained to identify each by smell. After running through a cloud of mixed smoke and tear gas, streaming eyed reservists remarked upon the "effectiveness" of this strike-breaking racket.

One reserve officer who went through the nausea gas "attack" with a poorly adjusted gas mask suffered vomiting attacks for three days.

These future leaders of capitalist wars were informed that nausea gas will be used as a preliminary—to make the enemy so sick that they cannot wear gas masks, when—presto—Lewisite (gas) will be released to finish the suffering "enemy."

How many reserve officers were nauseated with this splendid receipt for capitalist "heroism" was not recorded. Needless to say, the nausea-Lewisite combination was not tried out as part of the training. Reserve officers have that to look forward to."

EMPLOYERS IN ENGLAND FIGHT COOPERATIVES

RAPID GROWTH SECOND ONLY TO SOVIET UNION

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The co-operative movement in England has grown to such an extent that employers are trying to make the workers pledge themselves to buy goods from private traders only under threat of instant dismissal. Such a pledge, which resembles the "yellow dog" contracts used in the United States, is contrary to an act passed in 1887, and resulted in a fine to C. H. Mawdesley, master baker of Longport.

The co-operative movement here is second only to the Soviet Union where co-operatives have had a long history and have especially flourished under the Soviet regime. In fact, the Soviet co-operatives do the majority of the retail selling there, and count more than 72,000,000 members, or the vast majority of the adult population.

The English co-operative stores show a growth from 2,661,799 members in 1910 to 6,917,38 members in 1934-35. During the same period retail sales increased three times, to 315,273,719 pounds. The number of workers employed increased from 122,991 to 270,697.

This question was dealt with by Lawrence Ross, member of the Labor Ticket Conference, representing the Communist Party, in his speech at the Building Trades Temple last Wednesday.

"Every candidate," said Ross, "will be obliged to sign his own resignation and place it in the hands of the Labor Ticket Conference before running for office. If at any time this candidate should betray the interests of the workers, the resignation will be presented and enforced. It is true that such a document would have no standing in the eyes of the law. Nevertheless, if published and backed up by mass pressure there is no doubt but the removal of the corrupt official could effectively be accomplished."

However, since all labor candidates will come out of the ranks of labor itself and no professional politicians included, there is small likelihood of such an occurrence.

Stool Pigeon Kicked Out by Marine Cooks

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—H. Miller, a reactionary baker in the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union here, has been expelled because of his anti-union activities.

During the investigation of Miller's record it was definitely proven that he was working for the reactionary International Seamen's Union official, Victor Olander. It was disclosed that he had worked for Olander for five years in the Great Lake District, was paid for his disruptive activities, but was not a member of the I.S.U.

As soon as his stool pigeon activities became known here the rank and file brought charges against him.

At the meeting of the union held here last Thursday \$1000 was voted for the defense of the framed maritime workers at Modesto and \$50 for the striking dock workers of British Columbia.

Ryan made it known that he is backing the shipowners, who are attempting to smash the rank and file of the West Coast I.L.A. as soon as the agreement between the shippers and the union expires on September 30.

Ryan let the cat out of the bag while attempting to prevent the seating of Delegate Angelo Severino of the Bricklayers' Local 37, New York City. He denounced Severino as a radical and launched into another of his hysterical "red-scare" tirades.

BOYCOTT HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

FORMER PARASITE TELLS WHAT HE THINKS OF THE OLD RACKET

When a Decent Social Order Is Built It Will Be Built By the Working Stiff, White Collar Declares

By a Former Liar (Now on his uppers)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—I used to draw down big dough in the advertising business. I've been on the end of a shovel in an SERA gang for some time now.

I happen to know that when Richfield started their "more mileage" advertising campaign, they made a test and discovered that Richfield gas was the same as any other. But they also made a survey and discovered that ninety per cent of all cars were running on too rich a mixture.

But Judge Thomas Mellon, founder of the family fortune, recalls a civil war incident when James was a law clerk. James fell for the patriotic speeches of Chamber of Commerce patriots, and enlisted for 100 days to guard prisoners, far from the danger zone.

In the boom days my boss once called me into his office and handed me a hunk of rubber. Looked at it and it was a cross section of an automobile tire.

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RECOMMENDED ENTERTAINMENTS - SCREEN AND STAGE

SAN FRANCISCO—"Diamond Jim" at the Orpheum will probably still be on view. Typical Hollywood success story made out of authentic historical character, Diamond Jim Brady. Good performance by Edward Arnold.

MARCH OF TIME

The last (number five) issue of the "March of Time" is even more outspokenly Fascist than any of its predecessors. This one is occupied exclusively with stirring up in Americans belligerent pride in the American armed forces; and in glorifying the French fascist movement led by De La Roque. This gentleman is held up as a sort of object lesson in good citizenship.

The first part of the film (and the best photographed and edited) effectively shows hair-trigger organizations of the American war machine. The film shows graphically how planes have been worked out in extreme detail for the swift mobilization and transport of a vast military force. The manner of presentation is well calculated to agitate the shallowest pools of chauvinist emotion.

The next clip deals with the "Little Flower of Jesus," Father Coughlin. The good Father explains how from a humble little church menaced by the fierce crosses of the Ku Klux he first broadcast his message. This strictly American brand of fascist propaganda has succeeded well enough to make Coughlin a high-powered executive with three dozen secretaries, occupying a million-dollar "Little Flower" visited by sightseeing buses. Coughlin's struggle for the welfare of the underprivileged has now carried him into the inner circle of politics and Big Business. In the opening scene of this short he proclaims: "God hates the hypocrite."

RKO (Rockefeller) dilutes this dose of fascism microscopically by suggesting that "ministers who make themselves conspicuous are often given obscure bishoprics." It's like those recently cleaned-up sex films in which the wicked sinner woman marries the seducer, thus making sin officially lose its attractiveness. The minute qualifications of this title does not dilute the wholly Fascist effect of the Coughlin episode.

Reviewed by O. H.

A total of 326 travelling cinemas are now working in the various districts of Karkhov Province, the majority of them serving the collective farmers now in field camps during the reaping. In the course of 15 days close to 75,000 collective farmers have visited the cinemas.

Moscow Daily News,
July 27, 1935.

SOVIET FILM COMING

"Thunderstorm", the newest importation from the Soviet studios, reviewed in this column last week, comes to the Clay Theater, Fillmore and Clay street, starting Saturday matinee, Sept. 7.

STANDARD OIL FRAME-UP AT MODESTO MUST BE SMASHED

Boycott Must Be Pushed As Aid in Fight for Freedom of Maritime Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—Additional solidarity of the working class to win the freedom of eight framed maritime workers now in jail in Modesto is needed if these men are to be saved from San Quentin where the Standard Oil Company is attempting to send them.

The probation officer is scheduled to report his findings and recommendations on the cases in court September 12. Regardless of his report however, it appears likely the case will be appealed to a higher court.

Meanwhile a campaign is on foot to push the boycott of all Standard Oil products and to enlist more sympathy and aid in the fight to free the eight.

* **Greasy Frame-up.** The dirty, greasy hand of the Standard Oil Company of California plainly pulled the strings that resulted in the eight workers being convicted on a phoney compromise charge of "reckless possession of dynamite."

In the first place it was the Standard Oil which hired a special prosecutor to assist the Modesto prosecuting official in weaseling the frame-up webb. Secondly, Standard Oil stoof pigeons and police spies, who were forced to admit their underground connections, testified against the eight.

It was brought out at the trial that the Standard Oil not only engineered the plot but also the arrest of the men in Patterson on the night of April 20, 1935. James Scrudder, self-admitted stool-pigeon of the San Francisco police department, was among the men arrested that night. He was released at once, however, and returned to the case only to testify against the men on trial.

* **Tanker Strike.** Hal Marchant, another spy and tool of reactionary labor leaders in the Pacific Northwest, also testified to his part in engineering the frame-up for the benefit of Standard Oil.

And why was the Standard Oil Company so anxious to railroad

Life in Soviet Vacation Resort Described by an American Worker

Mamantovka, where the cottage I rented for the summer is located, is a resort town. There are two or three villages along the fringe, and some people live here the year around, carrying on a sort of village economy, or commuting to Moscow. For the most part, the buildings are private summer cottages (datchas), constructed or purchased through the professional cooperatives, or they are week-end rest homes belonging to different institutions, newspapers, trade unions, factories, sport organizations, etc.

* Soviet Resort Town.

What is a Soviet resort town like? I'll try to describe this one, or at least mention the outstanding features. The houses, although there is quite variety as to size, architecture, and materials, are in the main of three different types.

A large number of them are one-story, gabled log houses with open front porches. Many have strips of intricately carved wood under the windows and eaves. Some of the carving is so fine it looks like lace than wood. This is the older type of house of pre-revolutionary construction. The newer model is made of pine boards, nearly always has a second-story, has one and often two large sun-porches.

Then there are the large club-houses and rest homes of from ten to forty rooms, ranging in architectural style from old Russian, with all sorts of oddly shaped towers and a maze of carvings, to

a sort of formal modern hotel style, many-columned porches or verandas. All of the houses are of good, solid construction, with tight roofs, well-set windows, and inside living. All have electric light. There are no flimsy, shack-like structures, such as a large number of those in the middle-class resorts on the Wisconsin Lakes and in such California resorts as I have seen.

These are the houses that are set back among the pine and birch trees, thirty or fifty feet from the wide, quiet, grassy streets. All of them have big grass with flower-beds and vegetable gardens. Some even have fruit trees, which just now are in bloom. All are surrounded by neat picket fences.

It is wonderful to walk leisurely through the streets and look in

these green, well-kept yards, to see the people enjoying their secure leisure in such beautiful, safe surroundings. Workers, engineers, doctors, office employees, writers and professors, every day on which it isn't raining, and particularly on free days, are sitting out in the sun reading, working in their little gardens, gathered in groups on the porches, singing and dancing with guitar or accordion accompaniment, playing volleyball, or eating their meals out of doors.

* Workers' Vacation House.

Just down the street from me there is a country house that belongs to one of the departments of the Red Rose Textile Mill. Today being free day, about thirty or forty of the workers, men and women, are out enjoying it for the day.

There is one other thing I want to mention in connection with the Soviet summer resorts—that is that summer-cottage construction is proceeding at just as rapid a rate as other branches of constructions in the Soviet Union. There are dozens of houses in the process of construction in this town, and in all the towns along the line. And there are dozens more that were finished only last year. At such places as the Green City you must count the new houses by the hundreds.

* How the Workers Use Leisure.

Let me tell you a few things that were going on behind the picket fences yesterday as I walked along the street. Many people were stretched out in hammocks, enjoying the long twilight. At the house of the Railway Workers, a young fellow with a Preparatory for Labor and Defense badge on his sweater was seated in the garden playing a guitar, while half a dozen people listened, and once in a while joined in on a song. Half a block away, a man was sitting before an open window playing an accordion—Twice small groups of three or four people rode by on bicycles. In one yard boys were playing the ninepin game. In another, children were pelting each other with pine cones. A father and mother were sitting on the porch drinking their after supper tea. Another accordion player was pla-

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ing to a circle of listeners, a little further along. At the training camp on the edge of the town a chorus of Red Armyists were lustily singing their wonderfully spirited songs. The air fairly rang with the harmony of tenor and bass. Down on the river bank scattered fishermen were sitting silent as shadows, or were winding up their lines. Some row boats were still out, and moved along to the faint splash of the oars. At a house back from the river bank still another accordion was playing folk-melodies.

* Yes, and They Sing.

I have already written about how much music I heard in the course of just one walk. But this not at all extraordinary. The Red Armyists can be heard singing almost every evening. And there hasn't been a day that I haven't stopped by someone's gate for a few minutes at least, to listen to a guitar or an accordion. Always, especially after supper, one can hear people singing in their own yards or as they walk along the street, or down by the river. Almost every day there is more music being played or sung than at a Mexican fiesta.

The American movies, like "British Agent," that made the first year of the Revolution a song-fest, with the masses bursting into chorus every time they "poured through the streets," have just gotten mixed up on the time. In the eighteenth year of the Revolution the air is truly full of song. And while I don't want to give the impression that the workers are building socialism by singing while they pick flowers in the fields, I do want to convey an adequate idea of the fact that the people here are singing and playing their people's instruments, guitars, accordions, and balalaikas, to an unprecedented, unheard-of extent.

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as anyone may go, wherever I wanted to, following as much as time permits, the instructions of my Communist professor that I must "see all, and not restrict myself to the most advanced, best-operated socialist institutions."

At about 11 o'clock, when it was at last really getting dark, I walked up along the station platform. There was quite a crowd waiting for the train back to Moscow; some Red Army officers, a few carpenters with their bags of tools, few peasants, but mostly young people going home after a day in the country. Some just coming onto the platform from the river side, were singing in low, subdued voices.

* Young Workers.

These people were typical young workers, the kind I met at the factory club, the people you think of when you say Soviet youth, the kind that build the world's best subway in record time, the first generation to grow to maturity in a Soviet order, the first to be trained by Bolsheviks. Many of them displayed Voroshilov marksman badges and Prepared for Labor and Defense medals on their coats, sweaters, or dresses. Most of the girls wore linen or cotton print summer dresses that fit them and were becoming, tennis shoes, socks, and berets. Many of the boys wore white trousers and white canvas shoes. Here on the station platform, as everywhere, they exhibited the same inexhaustible energy and well-being, the same self-confidence. And is there any wonder? For the fears about themselves and the uncertainty of the future that so afflict the youth in capitalist countries are unknown to them. They are not baffled and frustrated. They understand world history and the laws of social motion.

More often than not, infantile eczema is caused by improper diet or over-feeding. He should not eat more than he has a desire for. Be sure to keep the baby dry and use only very mild soap, such as Palmolive. Early, acute eczema is best treated with a solution made of two parts of resorcin and two parts of boric acid to 100 parts of water. Chronic eczema of long standing should be treated with tincture of benzoin. If these are not successful, doctor should be consulted.

At present she is taking the same medicine. Now she has not menstruated for a period of 14 months. She is now 18 years old, her height is 5 feet, weight 140.

Both parents stout and short. Would appreciate your advice.

C. E.

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Take Labor Day From the Reactionaries

Labor Day, September 2, will not be so completely in the hands of the reactionaries this year. Another twelve months of capitalist crisis has brought numerous strike and unemployed struggles, has brought masses of workers by hand and brain into conflict with constituted authority in the shape of police departments, mayors, and a whole tribe of flag-waving demagogues and professional reactionaries who too often in the past got away with lip-service to labor at election times and on official holiday occasions.

Workers cannot admire the pomp of official dignitaries who give orders to policemen to shoot strikers in the name of "law and order"—the vigilante slogan.

The campaign to take Labor Day over for the workers: to oust anti-labor hypocrites from the reviewing stands and line of march, was started too late this year to be fully effective. But the move has been launched. We must see to it that the idea is popularized during Labor Day itself, and that firm determination to complete this move is widely spread.

It is part of the drive for the ousting of reactionaries from the trade unions. It should also be part of the campaign for the Labor Party.

San Francisco will likely set a fine example for the rest of the West to follow. The entire membership of the Maritime Federation will march in a body in a gesture of magnificent solidarity. It is to be hoped that they will treat Rossi and his cohorts as they did last year—with grim non-attention to the official pleasantries—a silent, eloquent march of contemptuous defiance.

Such men as Rossi should not even be allowed in the parade next year.

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."

DANIEL WEBSTER.

Engels on America

When we commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the death of Frederick Engels, we do so not only to pay homage to a great leader of the working class but to learn from his work, his theory and his practice how to act in our own struggle for liberation in the United States. In his lifetime Engels devoted a great deal of attention to affairs in the United States. During the Civil War in America he was an ardent supporter of the North against the South because he saw in the struggle of the North a struggle of the masses for the abolition of slavery, a struggle of progressive forces against reaction. Under the leadership of Marx and Engels the Executive Committee of the First International sent a message of greetings to Lincoln. Engels was in continuous correspondence with leaders of the working class movement to his very death.

There was a time when many theoreticians thought that the United States of America was exempt from the laws of social development discovered by Marx and Engels. They thought that America, with its unlimited natural resources, with its skill and energy, with the tremendous accumulation of its wealth, and with the high organization of its business, would be able to avoid the contradictions of capitalism, the antagonism that lead to the overthrow of the entire system and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the building of socialism. The last few years have opened the eyes of millions to the fact that "all is not well in the U. S. A." What ails this great and powerful country? Just this—that the mode of appropriation is in irreconcilable conflict with the mode of production, to use the words of Engels. The economic crisis that is destroying this country shows, truly, that the well-organized capitalists of the United States with their powerful state apparatus, are like the sorcerers who cannot dominate the forces conjured up by them. The salvation of the masses of America lies in the way pointed out by Marx and Engels.

—From "Life and Teachings of Frederick Engels," by M. J. Orlin.

FIREMEN FIGHT BUROCRATS ON CONSTITUTION

**FAKERS CALL COPS TO
RUN UNION MEETS**

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Rank and file members of the Maritime Firemen's Oiler's and Waterender's Union of the Gulf and Atlantic won a victory here last week when Judge Aaron Sturz ruled that the new constitution, proposed by the bureaucratic officials, must be held in abeyance until further hearings on September 3.

Five rank and file union men, speaking for many others of the same opinion, had filed an application to enjoin Oscar Carlson, as secretary of the union, Ernest Misslind as treasurer, and four trustees from putting into effect the new constitution on the drawn.

grounds that it was instituted in violation of the old one.

As the hearing opened the attorney for the union officials asked for a postponement. William L. Standard, attorney for the seamen, countered with a demand for an immediate hearing on the grounds that the situation brought about by the new constitution had reached such a point that delay would be dangerous.

Since the new constitution had been declared in effect the officers had on several occasions called police to disperse meetings of the union members. Union meetings had been attended by as many as twenty-four cops.

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The Note to the Soviet Union Was a Deliberate Provocation

Without doubt, the "blunt" note sent by the State Department to the Soviet Union, attempting to "blame" the Soviet Government for Communist activities in this country, was inspired by most reactionary aims. It is difficult to believe that even capitalist leadership is so admittedly bankrupt as to demand that foreign governments suppress revolutionary activity bred by economic conditions at home and carried on by home-made revolutionaries. The only explanation possible is that the State Department was forced by "native" (Wall Street) fascist pressure to insert a thin entering wedge for the breaking off of relations and the beginning of an even more vicious anti-Soviet campaign.

Coming as it does at a time when Italy proceeds on its robber career with the tacit consent of the United States, the "blunt" note is a blunt warning to all opponents of war and fascism that dangerous imperialist measures are in the offing.

We ignore many reasons for characterizing the note as being based on false evidence and cite merely one—the fact that while the Communist Party is perfectly legal in this country, the Soviet Union is advised to suppress American constitutional rights abroad. Coming from a country that was once proudly an "asylum for political prisoners," it measures the depth of the fascist, imperialist current of today's capitalist politics.

Locally, the note has been made the occasion for a further attack on Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party. Needless to say, the attack has magnified out of all proportion the technical offense with which he is charged, an offense which even the local press pointed out would be considered negligible ordinarily. Capitalist tools committing much graver offenses get off free. Forger Walker, freed at Hearst's behest, is a case in point.

The attack on the Soviet Union is a tribute to the illogic of reactionary capitalism, which, as Engels long since pointed out, "is the first to violate its own legality"—for example, in Santa Rosa; in the violent breaking of strikes and the murder of hundreds of strikers; in the jailing of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners; in the dozens of vigilante actions countenanced by the police and government office-holders.

It is likewise the opening gun in a campaign which, it sponsors hope, will result in anti-Soviet actions of a graver nature.

We must see to it that no such move goes unchallenged.

Rally popular support round the Soviet Union—the only truly peace-seeking country in a world of market-hungry imperialist powers.

A Churchman to the Communists

By Rev. ROBERT WHITAKER

Now that they snarl and spit at you,
Would jail you, flail you, kill;
Let me speak out my bit for you,
Whoever counts it ill.

You, who have asked no help from heaven,
And have no fear of hell,
Would that the "Sons of God" were given
The witness that you tell.

You, who defend the down and out,
The wronged and robbed uphold,
Would we were half as brave to rout
The wolves that raid the fold.

So while they snarl and spit at you,
The favored, schooled, and good,
May we be found as fit as you
To serve the multitude.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

NOTE: The WESTERN WORKER Educational Department wants pertinent quotations from Marxist-Leninist classics and other informative works of general interest to our readers. We also intend reopening the Questions and Answers columns, and ask that all questions, on theory and fact, history and organization, be addressed to Questions and Answers Department, Western Worker, 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

I.L.A. ACTS TO EXPEL FAKER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—Flannigan, reactionary official of the Warehousemen's local, affiliated to the International Longshoremen's Association here, is facing trial on charges of anti-union activity, similar in nature to those which formed the basis for the expulsion of Paul Scherzenberg from the Sailors' Union.

Since learning of the action being taken against him, Flannigan has been talking to members of the regular Warehousemen's gangs in an attempt to win them over to his side. He hopes that by doing this he can ask them to come to his support if and when he is disciplined or expelled from the union.

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OPEN FORUM

JEFFERSON, LINCOLN AND
HEARST

Oakland, Calif.

Editor Western Worker:

Dear Sir: It is only within the last three years that I have become conscious of the Communist Party and its principles. Now I can clearly see that those two Americans, Jefferson and Lincoln, were just Reds. Wherefore we shall have to renounce them, whom we have thought of as America's two greatest men, and substitute Hearst and Wallace.

The one who bogged us down in yellow journalism and while we were trying to get our feet loose stole our shirts. And the other who destroyed six million pigs and while our backs were turned stole our lunch. And of course all right thinking people know a working man or woman is much better off without shirt or lunch.

Now if you disagree with me read Charles Edward Russell's article in Sept. "Real America Magazine" and be convinced.

P. S. You could very well benefit by giving this issue a little publicity.

Yours truly,

Western Worker Subscriber.

FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED

San Francisco,
August 24, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

At a meeting of the Public Works and Unemployed Union a member suggested that leaflet distributors take the telephone number of the International Labor Defense in case of arrest.

Some other members protested that we have the right to distribute leaflets and that they cannot arrest us. Others thought we might frighten non-party workers by telling them there is a chance of arrest.

There are a lot of things workers have a right to do but are not allowed to do. There were no cowards at this meeting and I think it is wrong for Party members to be afraid of "frightening" the workers. It is the duty of the Party members to tell the workers the truth and to help them organize against such things as arrests for distributing leaflets.

Comradely yours

D. Smith.

A LETTER FROM CANADA

Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Comrade:

Interesting things taking place here and too numerous to relate.

They certainly have their problems as they do elsewhere.

Recently in an election in the Province of Alberta the Social Credit gang swept everything aside, capturing (to date) 57 seats out of 68. This gang swept into power on a social credit plan of \$25 for everybody, as a sort of take-off out of the profits. (?) So far they have not advised how it is to be done, other than through multitudes of words.

I spoke last Wednesday night here on Sacco and Vanzetti before a crowd of 300. I talk again tomorrow at the conference of the Canadian Labor Defense League. They are doing a good work here.

Tomorrow night I speak at the meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's League. They were quite interested in the California terror and the San Francisco strike.

This Province of British Columbia has gone crazy over the Canadian Commonwealth Federation which is a fascist gang, too, and getting quite a footing. I find many sincere workers who hang close to the Party wobbling around with them with considerable confidence that the C. C. F. will lead them into a workers' paradise. The leaders are the exact type that travelled the same road with Hitler.

I expect to head south this week after I hear Tim Buck (famous leader of the Canadian Workers' Education Association) speak in the Arena.

Kindest wishes to the staff.

As ever

YOUTH GROUPS IN L. A. FORM UNITED FRONT

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a parole permit, no answer has yet been received. The proposed march, between 2 and 3 o'clock, will be from 56 and Central to 38th and Ascot, where the Mass Meeting will take place. To clarify the Ethiopian situation, as related to young people's demand for peace, members of various groups and interests will speak at this rally.

The breadth of the united front against war already existing here is shown by the speaker's list at a peace mass meeting last Sunday which included Gus Hawkins, Negro assemblyman; Mrs. Bas, editor of the Eagle; Rev. Reed, Jr., of Monrovia; Rev. Brown, Los Angeles religious leader; Dick Abrams, merchant; and Baron Lawson, business man.

"Just the Same, Broth her, We Wont Scab"



World Events

By Emmett Kirby

Italian Somaliland Troops Desert to Ethiopia

The World Zionist Congress, meeting in Lucerne, Switzerland, this week and representing 1,300,000 Jewish followers throughout the world, and the influence they can bring to bear in business, is indeed a signal tower from which to sound a call for intensified boycott against Nazi pogroms.

The new wave of attacks on Jews in Germany are well known, but the World Congress instead of calling for use of the best weapon with which to fight back organizes a day of fasting and a half holiday of the congress as their protest. Against a Nazi economy which has but a 2 per cent gold reserve to cover its paper money, whose expensive war preparations, unfavorable trade balance, and high commodity prices is bringing increasing discontent of the people, against all this, the best weapon is the economic boycott.

No more effective way could the Congress find for bringing pressure on Hitler than this.

"We have not met here to erect a wall before which to re-cite our woes," says Rabbi Stephen Wise, New York delegate.

Neither, apparently, from reports of the Congress thus far, have they met to take action in defense of their brothers. For Wise recommends as the only real solution for the Hitler pogroms a "true national movement" into Palestine. And the Congress, ignoring its golden opportunity, fritters itself away with argument on whether or not, in Palestine, the labor party should undertake the enforcement of religious observances. While in Germany their brothers are beaten, imprisoned, murdered.

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Italian Negro Troops Desert.

Several thousand native troops of Italian Somaliland have shown their answer to the munitions empires which have been in effect against Ethiopia. Fleeting across the border, these Negro troops have brought themselves and their rifles to offer in defense of the last remaining independent Negro country against Fascist marauders.

This is what the imperialist nations most fear—the consequences which the Italian attack will awaken among the millions of enslaved Negro workers throughout the colonies and semi-colonial countries throughout the world.

France, depending to a large extent on colonial troops, now is trying to localize the war and jumping first to one side of the fence, then to the other, now indicating that she will not back League of Nations' sanctions against Italy—"because they would tend to spread the war and embroil other countries in a general conflict."

This action would do nothing to localize war. If a unity of all nations against the aggressor could be accomplished, the war would be too costly for Mussolini. But the old, fundamental factor—the imperialist rivalries among major countries—serves to prevent such unity. Actions are determined by ruling classes of imperialist countries mainly on their own interests—and peace may or may not be one of them. The working class alone fights for peace, and in this case the Front Populaire, led by the Communists and Socialists and trade unions and wielding tremendous influence throughout France will be the factor to determine whether France backs Mussolini's attack on Ethiopia or whether Laval's government is forced to join with other nations in outlawing fascist Italy. That such actions will occur in France in the next two weeks is obvious.

* Reunion in Vienna.

In the meantime Hitler is utilizing the present situation to try and reach friendship with Austria while Mussolini is busy elsewhere. While the Italian army goes through its battle maneuvers before 300 members of the fascist parliament and the cabinet, in Vienna Nazi Minister Franz von Papen and Austrian Foreign Minister Berger-Waldenburger confer and agreed newspapers of both nations "would cease their attacks and put themselves into service for restoration of normal relations."

The past few weeks have seen an intensive series of attacks between the two governments, the Austrian broadcasts being inspired by Mussolini, according to report. This first step toward reconciliation leads along the path Hitler will try to follow more and more as Italy becomes more involved in her conquest in Africa.

FIREMEN FIGHT
BUROCRATS ON
CONSTITUTION

**FAKERS CALL COPS TO
RUN UNION MEETS**

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Rank and file members of the Maritime Firemen's Oiler's and Waterender's Union of the Gulf and Atlantic won a victory here last week when Judge Aaron Sturz ruled that the new constitution, proposed by the bureaucratic officials, must be held in abeyance until further hearings on September 3.

Five rank and file union men, speaking for many others of the same opinion, had filed an application to enjoin Oscar Carlson, as secretary of the union, Ernest Misslind as treasurer, and four trustees from putting into effect the new constitution on the drawn.

Flannigan long has been known among rank